

ABSTRACT

A method of discriminating between orders is comprised of evaluating a queue of orders based on whether each prescription within each order can be filled in an automated or non-automated manner. A set of workstations for each prescription is then determined based on the evaluating. For those orders that can be filled entirely in an automated manner, the set of workstations for each prescription excludes a pharmacist review workstation. Another aspect of the present disclosure is directed to a method of operating a prescription filling facility of the type having automated equipment and non-automated equipment for filling orders, the improvement comprising identifying an order that can be filled with automated equipment and routing at least one container to be filled for the order in a manner that eliminates a review of the order by a pharmacist. Because of the rules governing abstracts, this abstract should not be relied upon in construing the claims